

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

March 14, 2005

**Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta,
Smith, Forest, O'Neil**

6:15 PM

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

1. Chairman Sysyn calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Communication from Robin Bonneau requesting the use of Arms Park for the 14th Annual WGIR/FM Memorial Weekend fireworks display on Sunday, May 29, 2005 with a rain date of Monday, May 30, 2005.
A motion is in order to approve the request under the direct supervision of the City Clerk, Fire, Highway, Police, Traffic and Risk Departments.
4. Communication from Alderman O'Neil relative to installation of traffic signs in residential neighborhoods.
(Note: referred to Planning, Police and Traffic Departments on 02/08/2005 for further review and possibility of implementation of a city-wide policy. E-mail related to signage also enclosed.)
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?.
5. Communication from Kevin Clougherty, Finance Officer, advising that of nine inquiries for the Center of NH Parking Garage bid package no bids were received on the due date of February 18, 2005 and noting that staff will proceed and report on selection with the comprehensive parking study.
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?
6. Communication from Duane Seidel, Manchester Wolves Arena Football Fan Club Member, requesting the use of Arms Park on April 16 and June 4, 2005 (both Saturdays) for tailgate parties prior to the two Wolves home games.
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

7. Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

STOP SIGNS:

On London Street at Maryland Avenue (NEC, SWC)
Alderman Sysyn

STOP SIGNS (BACK-UP):

On Silver Street at Pine Street (SEC)
Alderman Guinta

NO PARKING:

On Pine Street, east side, from Silver Street to a point 120 feet southerly
Alderman Guinta

On Leo Lane, east and west sides, from Nelson Street to the dead end
Alderman Osborne

On Card Street, north and south sides, from Tilton Street to Bowman Street
Alderman Smith

NO PARKING (LOADING ZONE):

On Hall Street, west side, from a point 65 feet south of Hanover Street to a point
30 feet southerly
Alderman Sysyn

RESCIND NO PARKING:

On Beacon Street, east side, from a point 35 feet south of Manchester Street to a
point 35 feet north (ORD. 8944)
Alderman Sysyn

**INSTALL AN OVERLAPPING RIGHT GREEN ARROW/RIGHT
YELLOW ARROW:**

Elm Street and Valley Street (westbound right)
Alderman Guinta

**INSTALL AN OVERLAPPING RIGHT GREEN ARROW/RIGHT
YELLOW ARROW:**

Queen City Avenue and Sundial Avenue (northbound right)
Aldermen Guinta and Garrity

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

TABLED ITEM

A motion is in order to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

8. Discussion relative to Enhanced State 911 System.
(Tabled 02/08/2005 pending further information from the Fire Department.)
9. If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.

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February 14, 2005

Mr. Leo Bernier
Office of the City Clerk
One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Leo:

Please consider this letter as our annual request for the traditional use of the Arms Park area as well as the Notre Dame Bridge for the 14th Annual WGIR/FM Memorial Weekend fireworks display.

WGIR AM/FM hereby formally requests of the Mayor and City Aldermen permission to set up Saturday May 28, the use of Arms Park and the Notre Dame Bridge on Sunday May 29, 2005 for the day of the event, with a rain date of Memorial Day itself, Monday May 30, 2005 if necessary.

While the event has been admission-free in the past, this year's organizers have determined a closed off Arms Park with ticketed paid admission is a good solution to the out-of-control crowds and staggering costs involved in recent years. Musical entertainment would get underway by 3pm, concluding with the traditional fireworks display around 9pm. Admission would be \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 8 and under will be free.

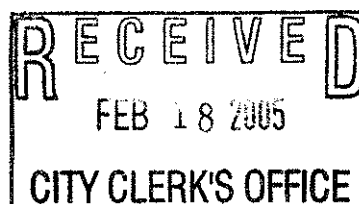
We fully understand that all costs for "The Sky Show" is the sole responsibility of Clear Channel and their underwriting sponsors. We understand fully the permit requirements, the city department heads we must deal with, as well as the concerns of the neighbors in the Arms Park area..

So, here we go again for the 14th time, kicking off the Queen City's summer season-2005, thanks to the encouragement and support of your office and that of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester. We thank you all again!

Sincerely,


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CITY OF MANCHESTER

Board of Aldermen

2/8/05 - Traffic, Police
Planning to create policy
for sign placement in
the city.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Traffic/Public Safety

From: Alderman O'Neil *Wayne O'Neil*

Date: February 2, 2005

Re: Installation of Traffic Signs in Residential Neighborhoods

It has been brought to my attention that traffic signs are being installed in residential neighborhoods for non-safety related issues

I respectfully request discussion of a policy being put into effect regarding this matter.

Alderman O'Neil stated my suggestion would be whatever we can do to keep moving it would be better.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Communication from Alderman O'Neil relative to installation of traffic signs in residential neighborhoods.

Alderman O'Neil stated I became aware recently of an installation in a residential section of the City of "No Parking" signs in front of a house. There are three signs up...I really didn't pay a lot of attention to it, but a neighbor of this house did and he said to me and it was a comment that really stuck with me...if I wanted to live in a neighborhood with all kinds of signs I'd live downtown...and he said take a look around and I did and there were no other traffic signs around and I tell you they stick out like an eyesore, to be honest with you. I think we need to have a policy that this Board has to adopt...I was talking to Bob MacKenzie about this...we used to be called the Tree City, I think, Bob. We're now the "Sign" City. Every place you drive we have traffic signs...to be honest...

Chairman Sysyn stated you ought to come down Lowell Street near my house.

Alderman O'Neil stated to be honest with you it's ridiculous and I know as a ward Alderman that we all...I was a ward Alderman, we all try to respond to our constituents needs and to be honest with you we probably don't think as thoroughly about some of these situations as we should and it's not a major expense to the City, but I think and would move that we ask the Traffic Director to work with the Planning Director, maybe Police want to be involved but unless there's a safety issue, I think we really have to question putting up some of these traffic signs. I've noticed in my neighborhood now we now have signs that people say "No Parking/Driveway". Well, you can't park in front of a driveway...Sgt. Fournier am I correct, I don't know if that's City ordinance or State law to park in front of a driveway, is that ordinance or State law.

Clerk Normand replied State law.

Alderman O'Neil asked why do we have to put up signs...

Chairman Sysyn interjected because people don't observe.

Alderman O'Neil stated well, if they don't observe then they should call the Police Department and they should be tagged or put up signs to don't park in front of a fire hydrant, State law says you can't park...I don't know what is it 15 feet from the side of a fire hydrant.

Mr. Lolicata asked can I respond to that?

Alderman O'Neil stated give me my 30 seconds of fame here...I'm just saying that it's getting out-of-control the amount of signs we're putting up.

Chairman Sysyn stated there was one you called me on in my ward, I believe.

Alderman O'Neil stated there's a whole other issue about whether Aldermen are actually requesting some of these things, that's a whole other issue.

Chairman Sysyn stated I called Tom on that and he was supposed to rescind it.

Alderman O'Neil stated I thought we passed a motion that the department was not going to take any action on signage, bring it forward. I'll be honest with you. We go through the Consent Agenda, I trust that everything has been cleared with the Alderman when I see an Alderman's name there. I now have some doubts that that in fact has happened. But, I generally think we need to take a look at...we're ruining some of these great neighborhoods in Manchester with signs for no reason. There was no reason that there's "No Parking" in front of this house. It's not a safety concern, we sometimes try to clear an intersection although you can't park under State law within so many feet of a Stop Sign...I don't know why we have to put up all of the signs up all over the place but there has to be some merit behind a sign going up in the City. Certainly for safety issues you won't hear an argument from me but I hate that we're becoming the City of signs.

Chairman Sysyn stated you would like this referred to...

Alderman O'Neil replied I would like it referred to Traffic, Police and Planning to come up with some kind of policy and I would hope the entire Board would give some support to that. I don't know how other Aldermen feel, I've spoken to you about it, Madame Chair, and you agree in some ways that we're starting to ruin some of our great neighborhoods in this City with signs.

Chairman Sysyn stated we had a problem on Beacon Street, I had to have the Building Department, the Police Department...

Mr. Lolicata stated they don't go up unless they're recalled or asked for and I agree with you that this is State law...people still don't obey it and the instance I am going to bring up now is every person tells me...a cop told me to put a sign up or they won't get a ticket, that's the first response I get.

Alderman O'Neil stated well that's an issue for Sgt. Fournier to address.

Mr. Lolicata stated if I had my way I'd take them all out also. I agree with you. Can I ask you in reference to where these signs are that you are specifically talking about.

Alderman O'Neil stated that really triggered this whole thing for me. They're at Beacon Street by Manchester.

Chairman Sysyn stated it's the one at 435...

Mr. Lolicata stated that is the one I called you on when that girl requested those in the front of her house...she's on the top of a hill, Manchester Street dead ends right in front of her house...

Chairman Sysyn interjected the whole neighborhood is up in arms now.

Mr. Lolicata stated she's on top of the hill and she couldn't see coming out of there when people are parked there, she almost got clipped, she's pregnant, she can't even move...

Alderman O'Neil stated I can get clipped coming out of my own driveway...you have to look.

Mr. Lolicata stated I understand that but you have got to see the situation that she was in and...

Alderman Shea stated I know the neighborhood very, very well I grew up there. I don't think there's no safety issue there. We all have to be cautious coming out of our driveways.

Chairman Sysyn stated that was the one I had called you on and you said you would rescind it.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'm going up there and it will be rescinded...that's on your next agenda anyway, so that will be done.

Alderman Forest stated let me plead guilty to a couple of those signs because I know I've asked Tom about it because some people have asked me, in my ward, mainly near a school and one is near a business and the reason I did it is because people were coming to work, people coming parking the schools were blocking their driveways, they weren't in their driveway but Sgt. Fournier may correct me if I'm wrong but I know that some of the ordinances have different measurements like I recall parking in front of a stop sign depending on where you looked was either 6 feet, 15 feet or 20 feet and I don't know if that has changed and I believe the same thing with a driveway...you're not supposed to park within 6 feet of a driveway but that may be 10 or 15 feet too and that's the main reason why I had some of these signs put up because people can't get out of their driveway and I'm sure that Central High the cars are parked right up to these people's driveways. So, that's why I plead guilty to doing some of these. I sort of agree with Alderman O'Neil that we're doing a lot, I saw one at a house...a "Loading Zone" the other day, I don't know how that got there.

Chairman Sysyn stated I have one that we're talking about putting a "Loading Zone" because there's a girl in a wheelchair and the bus can't drive up to her house to pick her up because everybody's parked there, so you need...

Alderman O'Neil interjected that's a different situation. Some of these things we need to address if, in my opinion if they are issues we need to let the Police Department know of these issues. I know Sgt. Fournier was a patrol supervisor, I know that the patrol supervisors get on the route guys about making sure they address these issues...I came across Belmont Street last week and I think that at every intersection...I'm exaggerating a little bit between Webster and Bridge but there's a stop sign and I don't believe there were high accidents at those corners. I know Tom over the years has taken strong opposition to the number of stop signs we've installed. It was to appease maybe some speed issues. Well, you don't use stop signs to handle a speed issue. You get a police officer up there, they write some tickets and you don't have any problems. I just think that we need to address signs in general and refer it to the three departments to look at...I don't know if Highway wants in on this...I think Police, Traffic and Planning are satisfactory.

Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Forest stated I would just like to add something to it if possible maybe we can add the fact...I don't know if they're still there, it's been a while since I've seen some of the City ordinances and the State laws but maybe with Sgt. Fournier and Tom and all maybe you can look at the difference in the 6 to 15 to 20 to make

sure that all of the ordinances that we have have the same distance...I know I've had trouble with it sometimes whether I tagged a car or didn't tag a car because the ordinance had three different measurements on it.

Mr. Lolicata stated I can do whatever you want just by the book. I have it memorized, they're done correctly.

Alderman Forest stated I used to, I don't anymore.

Mr. Lolicata stated I have to go by the book it's the law.

Alderman Forest stated but a police officer...if there's three different measurements there it's kind of difficult when you get to court to tell the judge that I tagged a vehicle because it was 6 feet from the stop sign when the City ordinance said 20 and then there was another ordinance that said it was 15...you have to come up with some consensus as to what it is and what it should be.

Mr. Lolicata stated State law...30 feet.

Alderman Forest stated okay now you're saying 30.

Mr. Lolicata stated it's always been 30.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

NO PARKING:

On Summer Street, north and south sides, from Elm Street to Willow Street

On Green Street, north and south sides, from Elm Street to Willow Street

On Grove Street, north and south sides, from Elm Street to Willow Street

On W. Auburn Street, south side, from Driveway of Rockwell Automation

Company to a point 75 feet west

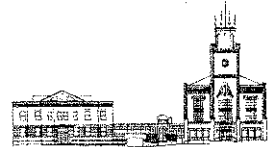
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Alderman Guinta



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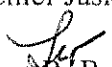
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MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Jaskolka, Tom Lolicata & Bob MacKenzie

From:  Leo R. Bernier
City Clerk

Date: February 14, 2005

Re: Traffic Signs in Residential Neighborhoods

At a meeting of the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety held on February 8, 2005, a discussion was held relative to the above-referenced at which time it was voted to refer the matter to you for review and possibility of implementation of a city-wide policy.

Upon completion of such review, please forward your findings to the Committee in care of the City Clerk's Office.

LeBlond-Kang, Paula

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 2:32 PM
To: LeBlond-Kang, Paula
Subject: FW: (no subject)

Paula-

The following email was sent to the mayor's general email address. It is addressed to the Aldermen as well, so I thought you might need a copy.

It is unsigned but I recognize the email address (he sends them to us often) and it is from Bob Iller (boy, his last name looks strange when you type it out - it is spelled "capital i ller"), who resides at 816 Elm St.

Not sure if this needs to be seen by the Traffic Committee or not.

Thanks!

Tina

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From: Dadlovesoccer@aol.com [mailto:Dadlovesoccer@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2005 5:11 PM
To: highway@ci.manchester.nh.us.; Mayor; writeus@theunionleader.com
Subject: (no subject)

Mayor Baines of Manchester and the alderman

this partition is to get the signs that alderman Ed Osborne and the Traffic commissioner had moved from the fence to the curb ,to be move back so that the snow can be removed from the side walk so that the handicap peoples can be pick up bye the handicap vans.

with the signs near the fence the snow can be completely removed in front of 372 beech St Manchester N. H.



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Department of Finance**

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February 28, 2005

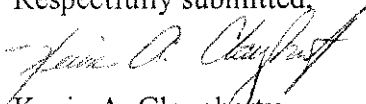
Committee on Traffic/Public Safety
C/o Leo Bernier, City Clerk
One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear committee members:

Please be advised that on January 14, 2005 we issued a notice of sale on the Center of New Hampshire Parking Garage. A total of nine (9) inquiries for the bid package were received. Despite some good conversations between City staff and several of the interested parties, no bids were received on the due date of February 18, 2005.

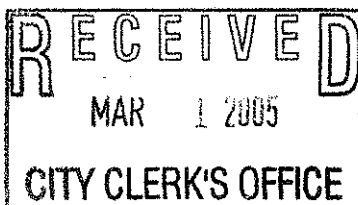
Staff continues to proceed with the comprehensive parking study, and should be able to advise the Committee of the selection on March 8, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin A. Clougherty

Cc: Randy M. Sherman
Joanne L. Shaffer
Thomas Lolicata
Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen



CAROL Johnson

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Tailgate letter

ATTN:Traffic/Public Safety Committee

My name is Duane Seidel and I work for the Manchester Fire Department and I'm also a member of the Manchester Wolves Arena Football Team Fan Club. I have been informed by a Parks and Recreation employee to talk to you about getting permission to use a portion of the Arms Park parking lot behind the Cottons Restaurant. We as a Fan Club are looking to have a gathering for tailgating before the wolves 2 Home Saturday games on April 16th and June 4th. We think this area would be perfect for fans to get together before the game to support our team. We are asking if we could use a portion of the parking lot for food and beverages from 2:00pm to 6:00pm on those 2 dates? There would be NO vendors or entertainment, just a place to gather for support of the wolves. We would take responsibility of any cleanup of the area in use. We will have trash barrels and any other product to maintain a clean atmosphere. We would also be using propane portable grills on the site.

I would like to know if this is an event we can do and if we need any other permits to have signed. I've talked to the wolves staff and they are in support of us doing this event and would give you a written recommendation for us. I have been to the City Clerks office and they gave me a Business License Application to have filled out. I'm not sure we have to fill this out because we're not doing this for profit. We just want a location to have our event. Please inform me if we need this form to fill out and I will be more than happy to oblige. Also would we need a liquor permit?

If this is not something you would allow, could you tell us any location that would allow approximately 500 to 1000 people to congregate to? I was thinking the Veterans Park but they don't allow grills on the area. We would need a hard surface like a parking lot or dirt lot.

Thank you for your time and hope to hear your reply to this matter.

Thank you

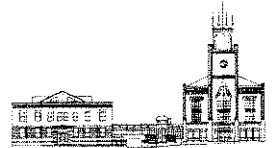
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MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Kane
Chief Jaskolka

From: 
Leo R. Bernier
City Clerk

Date: January 28, 2005

Re: Enhanced State 911 System

Please be advised that in action taken by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at a meeting held on January 25, 2005, it was voted to request you to look into procedures being followed regarding the above-referenced and report back to the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety in care of this office.

Enclosed is a copy of excerpts of minutes regarding this matter.

Enclosure

maybe come back with an alternative. They did what we asked and now we did what we said we wouldn't.

Alderman O'Neil asked have all of the Board members informed the Clerk if they may or may not be away the month of March, I know it's going to be high vacation especially for our retired members.

Mayor Baines stated if there are things going on please notify the Clerk by the next meeting.

18. NEW BUSINESS

DRAFT

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't know if the clerk has passed out this communication to the members but I'll make this quick...I'll read it because it's short..."safety services being dispatched to emergency situations via the enhanced 911 system that currently exists in the state. Recently, I was approached by a gentleman who informed me of a situation involving a medical emergency in Manchester and I personally experienced delays last year in a response to a serious accident on I-93. I'm asking the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to request that Fire Chief Joe Kane and Police Chief John Jaskolka look into procedures being followed and report back at a later date." It might be appropriate that they report back to the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety and I'll move on that motion.

Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.